SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 12th December, 2012

1. The Senate met at 10:19 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 11th December, 2012.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement:**
African Leadership Grassroot Improvement Award:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim (***Yobe East***) as follows:

Senator (Dr.) Bukar Abba Ibrahim (CON, FNIQS)
(Galadaima of Gazargamo)
YOBE EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

10th December, 2012

Senator David A. B. Mark, GCON
The Senate President,
National Assembly.

Sir,

"DISTINGUISHED AFRICAN LEADERSHIP GRASSROOT IMPROVEMENT AWARD" - MAIDEN EDITION.

I write to inform you and the entire Senate, that I have been named as One of the Ten (10) Award Winners of the Maiden Edition of the above mentioned Grassroots Leadership Award, which is designed to honour some distinguished Grassroots Political Leaders of African origin as a first major step to enhancing Grassroots Leadership Capital in the continent of Africa.

The Screening Committee led by Professor Ali A. Mazrui used the following parameters objectively;

1. *Level of Socio-Political Stability Occasioned by Poverty Reduction.*
2. *The rate of execution of coordinated Public Policies.*
3. *Exhibition of Grassroots Leadership currency in line with global requirements.*

I was therefore, recognized on this area of impact "Poverty Alleviation Programmes and Desert Control Initiatives as pre-requisite to improving the socio-economic environment of Yobe - Nigeria, nay Africa.

The award carries a cash price of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) and to be given by MO Ibrahim Foundation of London (African Grassroots Development Strategy Campaign 2012) in partnership with Rockefeller Foundation of U. S. A.

The event is to take place at Nelson Mandella Auditorium University Cape Town, South Africa on 19th January 2013.

I wish to use this opportunity to invite you, the Senate leadership and the entire Senate to grace the occasion.

Please accept the assurances my highest consideration.

(Signed)
Senator (Dr.) Bukar Abba Ibrahim, CON, FNIQS
Chairman Senate Committee on Housing, Land & Urban Development.

4. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Appropriation Act 2012 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB. 231) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill 2012 (SB. 229) — *Read the First Time.*

5. Committee on Capital Market:

Report on the screening of nominees:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Capital Market, on the screening of the following nominees for appointment as full-time Members of the Board of the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC):

(*i*) Mallam Mounir Haliru Gwarzo

(*ii*) Rt. Hon. Zakawanu Imhobobho Garuba

(*iii*) Mrs. Sa'adatu Mohammed Bello

(*Senator Ademola A. Adeseun — Oyo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. Confirmation of nominations:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of the nominations of the following nominees for appointment as Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC):

S/No	Name	State	Representing
(*i*)	Dr. (Mrs.) Ngozi Agatha Etolue	Anambra	Anambra/Ebonyi/Enugu
(*ii*)	Hon. Hope Odhuluma Ikiriko	Rivers	Bayelsa/Rivers/Delta
(*iii*)	Prof. Aminu Diyo Sheidu	Kogi	Kogi/Kwara

(*iv*)	Mr. Emmanuel Chimezie Ihedioha	Abia	Imo/Abia
(*v*)	Mr. Joseph Olufemi Akande	Osun	Osun/Oyo

(*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Services to report within one (1) week.

7. **National Health System Bill 2012 (SB. 215):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide a framework for the regulation, development and management of a National Health System and set standards for rendering health services in the Federation, and Other Matters Connected Therewith 2012 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ifeanyi A. Okowa — Delta North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Health and Primary Health Care to report within four (4) weeks.

8. **Federal Fire Service Act CAP F29 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2012 (SB. 200):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. **Equipment Leasing Bill 2012 (SB.118):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. **Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund Act CAP N88, LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB.221):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 13th December, 2012 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:40 *p.m.*

Dr. David A. B. Mark, GCON, fnim
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.